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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

#### Executive Summary

Wednesday, August 31, 2016, was the last day for the Legislature to pass legislation before recessing for the second year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session. All bills passed by the Legislature now proceed to Governor Brown who has until September 30, 2016 to sign or veto these measures. The 2017-18 Legislative Session is scheduled to convene on December 5, 2016.

This memorandum contains a report on final actions taken by the Legislature before adjourning on the following:

- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
  - **County-sponsored SB 1008 (Lara)** - related to the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) project, passed the Senate Floor on August 30, 2016, and it now proceeds to the Governor.
  - **County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell)** - related to reimbursement for Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services, was placed on the Assembly Inactive File on August 29, 2016.
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on five County-advocacy measures related to: 1) the Lead-Acid Battery Recovery and Recycle Act; 2) the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access

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For All Act; 3) the Affordable Housing Bond Act; 4) creating a Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission; and 5) a strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants.

- **Status of Legislation of County Interest.** An update on one measure of interest to the County related to the detention and interrogation of minors.
- **Status of Legislation of County Interest Related to Medical Marijuana.** A report on five measures of County interest related to medical marijuana.

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### **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**

**County-sponsored SB 1008 (Lara)**, which as amended on August 1, 2016, would: 1) provide an extension of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) project's current California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption from January 1, 2017 until January 1, 2020; 2) provide that the CEQA exemption, if granted, would not apply to school, cultural, sacred, or fire station sites; and 3) require the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority to hold noticed public meetings in each county supervisorial district in which the LA-RICS project is located before making a determination that an individual project site is exempt from CEQA, file notices of the exemption with the State Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk, and post information regarding the environmental review processes on its website, passed the Senate Floor, in concurrence of Assembly amendments, by a vote of 35 to 2 on August 30, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell)**, which as amended on August 18, 2016, would authorize federally qualified health centers to provide Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services and to receive reimbursement on a fee-for-service basis, was placed in the Assembly Inactive File on August 29, 2016, at the request of the author.

On March 27, 2016, the Board of Supervisors directed this office to co-sponsor SB 1335 with the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County and the California Primary Care Association. This measure proceeded through the legislative process with no opposition. However, on August 5, 2016, the Department of Finance issued its analysis of SB 1335 which recommended an oppose position because it would result in significant State General Fund costs. Subsequently, Senator Mitchell placed SB 1335 on the Assembly Inactive File; therefore, this measure will not proceed this year.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported AB 2153 (Garcia)**, which as amended on August 31, 2016, would: 1) establish a \$1 fee on both the purchase and manufacturing of lead-acid batteries; and 2) sunset the manufacturing fee on March 31, 2022 and increase the \$1 consumer fee to \$2 on this date, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence with Senate amendments, by a vote of 55 to 23 on August 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported AB 2444 (Garcia)**, which as amended on August 19, 2016, would place the California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2016 on the June 5, 2018 statewide ballot and, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3.4 billion in State general obligations bonds to finance parks, water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all programs, was held on the Senate Floor on August 31, 2016, and it will not proceed this year.

**County-supported SB 879 (Beall)**, which as amended on August 19, 2016, would establish the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2016, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of \$3.0 billion in general obligation bonds, upon approval by voters on the November 8, 2016 statewide general election; and would utilize the funds to finance various existing State housing programs, as well as infill infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs, was held on the Assembly Floor on August 31, 2016, and it will not proceed this year.

**County-opposed SB 958 (Lara and Hall)**, which as amended on June 21, 2016, would establish a Citizens Redistricting Commission in only Los Angeles County to adjust the boundaries of its supervisorial districts after each decennial United States Census, passed the Senate Floor, in concurrence with Assembly amendments, by a vote of 26 to 12 on August 30, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-supported SB 1383 (Lara)**, which as amended on August 31 2016, would require the California Air Resources Board to: 1) approve and begin implementing a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to achieve a reduction in methane by 40 percent, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40 percent, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50 percent below 2013 levels by 2030; 2) coordinate with other State and local agencies and districts to develop measures prior to approving the strategy; 3) evaluate the best-available scientific, technological, and economic information to ensure the strategy is cost-effective and technologically feasible; 4) incorporate and prioritize measures and actions that provide job growth, local economic benefits, public health benefits, and potential for new innovation in

technology, energy, and resources management practices; and 5) adopt regulations to reduce methane emissions related to dairy and livestock operations, passed the Senate Floor, in concurrence with Assembly amendments, by a vote of 25 to 12 on August 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

#### **Status of Legislation of County Interest**

**SB 1052 (Lara and Mitchell)**, which as amended on August 18, 2016, would require that a minor under the age of 18 consult with legal counsel prior to a custodial interrogation and before waiving his or her Miranda rights, passed the Senate Floor, in concurrence of Assembly amendments, by a vote of 26 to 13, on August 30, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

#### **Status of Legislation of County Interest Related to Medical Marijuana**

**AB 26 (Jones-Sawyer)**, which as amended on August 15, 2016, would require State license applicants with 20 or more employees to implement an employee training program, was held in the Senate Rules Committee on August 19, 2016, and it will not proceed this year.

**AB 567 (Gipson)**, which as amended on August 19, 2016, would establish a mandatory tax amnesty program for medical cannabis businesses from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence with Senate amendments, by a vote of 56 to 16 on August 30, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**AB 2300 (Wood)**, which as amended on August 19, 2016, would clarify that a qualified patient is not authorized to smoke medical marijuana in any location where smoking is prohibited by law or by a landlord, was placed in the Senate Inactive File on August 30, 2016, and it will not proceed this year.

**AB 2516 (Wood)**, which as amended on August 1, 2016, would add a specialty cottage cultivator license for medical marijuana cultivation that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting to the list of State cultivation licenses available, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence with Senate amendments, by a vote of 62 to 9 on August 24, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

**AB 2679 (Cooley)**, which as amended on August 19, 2016, would: 1) require State marijuana licensing authorities to report annually the number of appeals for license denials, disciplinary actions, and complaints; 2) establish safety standards for collectives and cooperatives that manufacture medical cannabis products; and

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3) require the University of California's California Marijuana Research Program to develop and conduct studies to ascertain the effect of marijuana on motor skills, passed the Assembly Floor, in concurrence with Senate amendments, by a vote of 70 to 5 on August 31, 2016. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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